

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendment and following remarks.

Status of Claims

Claims 1, 3 and 5-48 are pending in this application. Claims 17, 22 and 24 have been allowed. Claims 28-30 and 41 have been objected to by the Examiner. Other pending claims (i.e., claims 1, 3, 5-16, 20, 21, 23, 25-27, 31-40 and 42-48) stand rejected.

By this Amendment, claims 1, 3, 5, 7-11, 13-27, 32, 34-40 and 45-48 have been amended. Claims 12, 28-31, 33 and 41-44 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Based on the allowance of independent claims 17, 22 and 24, those claims were amended without changing the feature of those claims. Also, claims 1, 3, 5, 7-11, 13-16, 18-21, 23, 25-27, 32, 34-40 and 45-48 have been amended to depend from those allowed claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that those claims are allowable as well.

Applicant believes that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

AUTHORIZATION

No petitions or additional fees are believed due for this amendment and/or any accompanying submissions. However, to the extent that any additional fees and/or petition is required, including a petition for extension of time, Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to grant such petition, and hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees, including any fees that may be required for such petition, or credit any overpayment to Deposit

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Account No. 13-4500 (Order No. 1232-4566). A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS
ENCLOSED.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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